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I do not believe that the currently contemplated Microsoft settlement will solve the problems caused by the long-term monopolistic behavior of Microsoft, or prevent these problems from continuing.

I was personally adversely affected by Microsofts anti-competitive practices in 1994-1995 as I attempted to start up a small computer business based on the OS/2 operating system. Because of punitive Microsoft contract provisions, my hardware suppliers could not offer me basic unconfigured systems without a financial penalty in pricing if I was not going to use Microsoft Windows operating system. This was a telling financial disadvantage for anyone wanting to sell OS/2.

Please do not fail to not only enforce a remedy that fosters vigorous innovation and competition in the future, but also put in place oversight with ample authority to ensure compliance into the future.

Sincerely,
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